

REMARKS

The Amendments

Claim 1 has been amended to clarify that the individual being treated is already suffering from a disorder and to include a Markush grouping of disorders. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on pages 2-3 and 25 and in original claims 4, 9-11.

Claim 5 has been amended to properly depend from Claim 1.

Claim 16 has been amended to clarify that the individual being treated is already suffering from a disorder and to include a Markush grouping of disorders. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on pages 2-3 and 25 and in original claims 4, 9-11.

Claim 17 has been amended to include a Markush grouping of disorders. Support for the amendments can be found in the specification on page 25 and in original claims 4, 9-11.

Claims 18-21 are original claim 7 re-written to properly depend from Claim 1.

Claims 22-25 are original claim 8 re-written to properly depend from new claims 18-21, respectively.

No new matter is introduced by any of the amendments. Applicants expressly reserve the right to pursue any canceled subject matter in one or more related, continuation, divisional or continuation-in-part application(s).

The Response

I. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph of Claims 1-3 and 12-17

Examiner has rejected Claims 1-3 and 12-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as allegedly being non-enabled. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the claims are not limited to a treatment directed to any particular disease/condition. Applicants believe that the claims are enabled, but in order to expedite prosecution, have amended Claims 1, 16 and 17 to recite a Markush grouping of the disorders as requested by the Examiner. Claims 2-3 and 12-15 depend from Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

II. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph of Claims 6-8

Examiner has rejected Claims 6-8 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as allegedly being non-enabled. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the claims are not enabled for the treatment of cancer in general. Applicants believe that the claims are enabled, but in order to expedite prosecution, have amended Claim 1 to recite particular types of cancers as requested by the Examiner. Further, Applicants have cancelled claims 6-8 and present new claims 18-25 which depend from amended Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants submit that this rejection is moot with respect to cancelled claims 6-8. To the extent that it could apply to new claims 18-25, Applicant submits that new Claims 18-25 are enabled and respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

III. Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph of Claims 1-17

Examiner has rejected Claims 1-17 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as allegedly being non-enabled. Specifically, the Examiner contends that the claims are not enabled for “treating” where “treating” encompasses prevention. Applicants believe that the claims are enabled, but in order to expedite prosecution, have amended Claims 1 and 16 to clarify that the individual being treated in the claimed methods is already suffering from a disorder, thus the treatment is meant to inhibit or relieve that disorder. Claims 2-3, 5, 12-15 and 18-25 depend from Claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 17 does not recite “treating.” Accordingly, Applicants submit that Examiner’s rejection of Claim 17 is improper and should be withdrawn.

The Conclusion

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in good and proper condition for allowance. Early notification of such allowance is earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes a teleconference would expedite prosecution of the Application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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